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A Message from the Pastor:

As the New Year begins, we want to let you all know about something new that we are doing here at First Presbyterian Church in 2019. During our recent Elder Retreat, we agreed on a plan to divide the congregation into “shepherding groups.” Each elder will have a specific group of church members that will be under his care. That doesn’t mean that all of the elders, including myself, won’t be caring for all of the church members. It means that each shepherd has a specific group for which he is especially accountable, in addition to caring for the congregation as a whole.

Elders are called by God to shepherd His flock. And here is an excellent quote that summarizes the responsibilities of the elders of the church. Matt Perman says, “According to the New Testament, elders are responsible for the primary leadership and oversight of a church. The function and role of an elder is well summarized by Alexander Strauch in his book *Biblical Eldership*: “Elders lead the church [[1 Tim 5:17](#); [Titus 1:7](#); [1 Peter 5:1–2](#)], teach and preach the Word [[1 Timothy 3:2](#); [2 Timothy 4:2](#); [Titus 1:9](#)], protect the church from false teachers [[Acts 20:17, 28–31](#)], exhort and admonish the saints in sound doctrine [[1 Timothy 4:13](#); [2 Timothy 3:13–17](#); [Titus 1:9](#)], visit the sick and pray [[James 5:14](#); [Acts 6:4](#)], and judge doctrinal issues [[Acts 15:6](#)]. In biblical terminology, elders shepherd, oversee, lead, and care for the local church.”

And in light of God’s call on the elders to shepherd His flock, we want to make sure that we do an excellent job of caring for you all. And so we’ve created

shepherding groups, really to help us as your shepherds, to better care for you. You can expect your elders to be calling you, getting in touch with you, and asking how we can be praying for you. Every other Wednesday morning the elders meet to pray for the needs and the members of this congregation. And we would love to know any specific ways that we can be praying for you all. We’re going to include a list in this newsletter that lets you know which elder is over your group. The elders specifically wanted to let you all know who your elder is, so that you can help hold us accountable. If you haven’t heard from us each month, let us know.

In 1 Peter 5:1-2, Peter gives this charge to the elders of the church. He says, “So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

As your session, we want to honor the Lord by caring His people well, and our hope is that these Shepherding Groups, while simple, will go a long way in helping us better care for you all. We thank you all for the privilege of being your elders.

Grace and Peace,
- Jeff

January 2019

OUR VISION:

The First Presbyterian Church of Demopolis, Alabama, is a body of believers in Jesus Christ, that wants God’s love to grow in us and radiate to all people through us.

To that end,

OUR MISSION

STATEMENT:

First Presbyterian Church of Demopolis, Alabama is: a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ, striving to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, by making disciples for Christ, in Demopolis and beyond by:

- Exalting God in authentic biblical worship and prayer;
- Building up believers in knowledge and faith through biblical preaching, teaching, discipleship and fellowship;
- Evangelizing the lost by sharing Christ and living according to His example; Extending God’s mercy through sacrificial service to those in need.

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 FOR
THE BREAKDOWN OF
SHEPHERDING GROUPS.**

January 2019

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		1 HOLIDAY: New Year's Day B-day: Ella Burke Huizinga	2 Choir Practice B-day: Jonathan Cannon	3 B-day: Billy & Ruth Symon	4 B-day: Carolyn Tipton	5
6 Nursery: TBD Congregational Meeting for Deacon Election B-day: Kristy Keasler Atkins B-day: Garrett Hilchey	7	8 WM/WIC Circle: 9:30am Lunch Bunch: 11:30am WM/WIC Council Meeting: 4:30pm B-day: Isaac Cannon	9 Wed Dinner: 5:30pm Adult Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	10	11	12 B-day: Sharon Farst
13 Nursery: TBD Deacon Meeting: 8am Communion	14	15	16 Wed Dinner: 5:30pm Adult Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	17	18 B-day: Edith Gill	19 PresWIC Annual Meeting
20 Nursery: TBD Fellowship Luncheon Congregational Meeting: 4pm Session Meeting: TBD	21 HOLIDAY: Martin Luther King,, Jr. Day	22 Presbytery Meeting	23 Wed Dinner: 5:30pm Adult Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	24	25	26
27 Nursery: TBD HOP Meeting: 2pm	28 B-day: Ozzy Resto B-day: Will Huizinga	29	30 Wed Dinner: 5:30pm Adult Bible Study & Covenant Kids: 6:15pm Choir Practice: 7pm	31 B-day: Hettie Wright		

UPCOMING

Missions Conference
February 15-17, 2019

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,
for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea
that is driven and tossed by the wind. James 1:6



Upcoming Events:

Deacons of the Month: Ray Evans and T.J. Keasler.

Nursery Workers: Please arrive in the nursery by 10:30 am.

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Melissa Weltin.

Wednesday Night Gatherings: (Resumes January 9th.)

- Dinner, 5:30 pm. Meals are \$6.50 per person or \$15.00 per family.
- Adult Bible Study and Covenant Kids, 6:15 pm.
- Choir practice, 7:00 pm.

January 6:

- Congregational Meeting for the Class of 2022 Deacon Election. There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service for the election of two new deacons. The following nominees are the candidates: Glenn Basinger, David Coddington and Trey Griffith. Please be in prayer as you consider your selection for these two deacon positions.

January 13:

- Diaconate Meeting, 8:00 am.
- Communion Service.

January 20:

- Fellowship Luncheon, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to join us for lots of great food and fellowship. Team Leader: Weltin family, Team Members: Evans family and Cork Family.
- Congregational Meeting to present the 2019 budget. A congregational meeting will be held at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Session Meeting, TBD.

January 27:

- HOP — Hooked on Prayer Meeting, 2:00 pm. If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP need you.

Women's Ministry/WIC Events:

- Jan. 8 — Morning Circle, 9:30 am.
- Jan. 8 — Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am., at Mr. G's.
- Jan. 8 — Council Meeting, 4:30 pm.
- Jan. 19 — PresWIC Annual Meeting. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Jan. 22 — Presbytery Meeting. The ladies will serve lunch and refreshments for the men's Presbytery meeting, which will be held at our church.

<u>2018</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,571.50	\$ 94,862.52
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 9,139.33	\$ 91,963.76
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,567.83)	\$ 2,898.76
<u>2017</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 8,822.48	\$102,200.60
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 10,826.97	\$110,795.60
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (2,004.49)	\$ (8,595.00)

**PLEASE REMEMBER:
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
SERVE FOR THE
NURSERY OR
FELLOWSHIP
LUNCHEON, PLEASE
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO ENSURE THERE IS
ADEQUATE COVERAGE.**

January 2019



SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, [53] did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer. [54]

Scripture Proofs

[53] Acts 13:48
Ephesians 1:4-5
2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

[54] Genesis 3:15
Genesis 17:7
Exodus 19:5-6
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Matthew 20:28
1 Corinthians 11:25
Hebrews 9:15

2019 FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON TEAMS

* = Team Leader

JANUARY

*Weltin Family
Evans Family
Cork Family

FEBRUARY

*Keasler Family
Basinger Family
Niehoff Family

MARCH

*Coddington Family
Symon Family
Griffith Family

APRIL

*Resto Family
Ward Family
Eloise Harris

MAY

*Cork Family
Mackin Family
Tripp Family

JUNE

*Cannon Family
Ward Family
Kirkpatrick Family

JULY

*Davidson Family
Griffith Family
Keasler Family

AUGUST

*Huizinga Family
Coddington Family
Karen Lashley

SEPTEMBER

*Kirkpatrick Family
Davidson Family
Resto Family

OCTOBER

*Evans Family
Tripp Family
Weltin Family

NOVEMBER

*Symon Family
Cannon Family
Basinger Family

DECEMBER

*Mackin Family
Niehoff Family
Huizinga Family

LUNCHEON TEAMS

Family Schedule

<u>Family</u>	<u>Team Leader</u>	<u>Team Helper</u>
Basinger		Feb/Nov
Cannon	June	Nov
Coddington	Mar	Aug
Cork	May	Jan
Davidson	July	Sep
Evans	Oct	Jan
Griffith		Mar/Jul
Harris		Apr
Huizinga	Aug	Dec
Keasler	Feb	July
Kirkpatrick	Sep	Jun
Lashley		Aug
Mackin	Dec	May
Niehoff		Feb/Dec
Resto	April	Sept
Symon	Nov	Mar
Tripp		May/Oct
Ward		Apr/Jun
Weltin	Jan	Oct

2019 FOOD MINISTRY CHAIR

JANUARY	Melissa Weltin
FEBRUARY	Cindy Keasler
MARCH	Nadine Coddington
APRIL	Ann Resto
MAY	Joyce Huizinga
JUNE	Vickie Cannon
JULY	Andrea Ward
AUGUST	Bernice Cork
SEPTEMBER	Patty Kirkpatrick
OCTOBER	Melanie Evans
NOVEMBER	Ruth Symon
DECEMBER	Joy Mackin



2019 SHEPHERDING GROUPS

<p><u>Bryant Shepherding Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basinger, Glenn - Basinger, Katy - Basinger, Ryan - Bond, Elizabeth - Bules, Jamiee - Bules, Neil - Buroker, Lydia - Buroker, Rodney - Cannon, Isaac - Cannon, Jonathan - Cannon, Lillian - Cannon, Stephen - Cannon, Vickie - Davidson, Dennis - Davidson, Karen 	<p><u>Davidson Shepherding Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coddington, David - Coddington, Nadine - Cork, Bernice - Cork, Michael - Culpepper, TM - Evans, Melanie - Evans, Ray - Griffith, Trey - Griffith, Chonda - Griffith, Austin - Griffith, Logan
<p><u>Huizinga Shepherding Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harris, Eloise - Hilchey, Mary Elizabeth - Keasler, Cindy - Keasler, TJ - Kirkpatrick, Doris - Kirkpatrick, Patty - Kirkpatrick, Scott - Lashley, Alan - Lashley, Karen - Lashley, Elizabeth 	<p><u>Kirkpatrick Shepherding Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawrence, Wes - Lawrence, Gabe - Lawrence, Lisa - Mackin, Jimmy - Mackin, Joy - Morgan, Joey - Morgan, Laura - Niehoff, Beth - Niehoff, Peter - Resto, Ann - Resto, Ozzy
<p><u>Mackin Shepherding Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Symon, Billy - Symon, Ruth - Tripp, Jackie - Tripp, Grey - Tripp, Tyree - Tripp, Olivia - Ward, Allison - Ward, Aubrey - Ward, Andrea 	<p><u>Symon Shepherding Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weltin, Bill - Weltin, Melissa - Weltin, Bess - York, Melanie - Huizinga, Phil - Huizinga, Joyce - Bryant, Jeff - Bryant, Amanda - Bryant, Ellie - Bryant, Nathan

Elders

Lead the church:

- 1 Timothy 5: 17
- Titus 1: 7
- 1 Peter 5: 1-2

Teach and preach the Word:

- 1 Timothy 3: 2
- 2 Timothy 4: 2
- Titus 1: 9

Protect the church from false teachers:

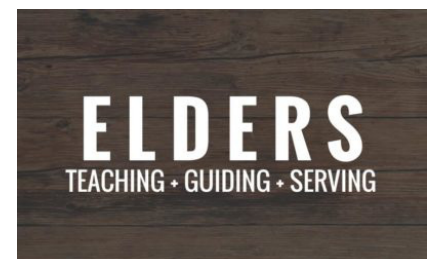
- Acts 20: 17, 28-31

Exhort and admonish the saints in sound doctrine:

- 1 Timothy 4: 13
- 2 Timothy 3: 13-17
- Titus 1: 9

Judge doctrinal issues:

- Acts 15: 6



Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

Allinder, Ike	Harvey, John	Phillips, Max
Allinder, Kate	Hayes, Betsy	Pickerill, Paula
Bazuin, Caiden	Hocker, Jeannie	Plummer, Kaegan
Bedsole, Pete	Hogg, Ian	Randall, Ruth
Beeler, Peggy	Holman, Joann	Reynolds, Christy
Belcher, Samuel	Hooks, Chesnee	Sakon, Ethan
Boggs, Ben	Howard, Brittany	Sharp, Chris
Brooker, Chrissy	Husbands, Jennie	Sims, Anna Katherine
Brooker, Jan	Hux, Karen	Sims, Sarah
Busby, Rhae	Jennifer (Missionary)	Stemple, Nita
Cistrunk, Narsis	Jowers, Walter	Stephens, Kay
Coburn, Luiza	Kimbrell, Tommy	Taylor, Marie
Coker, Jean	Kirkland, Jamie	TenHaaf, WM
Collins, Bette	Klinefelter, Olivia	Terry, Pope
Collins, Brandon	Kyser, Helen	Thornton, Alaina
Combs, Angie	LaRocca, Dominic	Tipton, Carolyn
Cook, Buddy Roy	Lashley, Joe	Tucker, Sadie
Cook, Jonathan	Leascher, Chad	VanderMolen, Popko
Copeland, Roy	Leascher, Jim	Williams, Mary Lynne
Craig, Kaleigh	Lessman, Linus	Williamson, Trevor
Cross, Margaret	Ligon, Brandon	Wise, Naomi
Crispin, Michelle	Lockett, Joanne	Witherspoon, Mary
Daugherty, Jody	Ludeman, Brandon	Stewart
Davidson, Karen	Marquis, Alana	Womble, Caleb
Deas, Deloris	McCarter, Jean	Wright, Hettie
Drinkard, Charles	McCraw, Beverly	
Duncan, Conner	McDonald, Nelda	
Dunning, Norbourne	McIntier, Jodie	
Dyer, Doug	Mickens, Jaleesa	
Eatmon, Megan	Miller, Tommie	
Eshee, Judy	Mills, Angel	
Espy, Emily	Milsap, Goldie	
Ezell, Bobby	Morgan, Laura	
Farst, Dick	Mutisya, Cecilia Ndunge	
Finley, Betty	Newberry, Madi	
Fuqua, Blake	Parker, Mary	
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Perry, James	



OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel

Ch William Broderick
 Kyle Westbrook
 Dan Parsons
 Sam Brasfield
 Kyle Newton
 Steven Mackin
 Gregory Harrington
 Jimmy Hart
 Jonathan Stephens
 Victor Resto
 Daniel Phillips
 Josh Allums
 Joseph Wilson

Cancer:

Jody Daugherty
 Rita Poole Horton
 Luke (Jonah's son)
 Angela Green
 Ava Hunter
 Kaleigh Craig
 James Perry
 Scott Kirkpatrick

Illnesses

Joe Bunn
 Jimmie Lawrence
 Brian Schrieber
 Jennifer Cohen Sullivan
 Sarah Marlene Chapman
 Elizabeth Forehand
 Carolyn Tipton
 William Burke
 Ian Hogg
 Cecil Radcliff
 Glenn Shealy
 Dick Farst
 Laura Morgan
 Mary Boyd Cole

Special Needs

Joe Lashley
 CJ Golston
 RJ Blount
 Loretta Strickland
 Liz Bond
 Michael Jacks
 Melanie Hulsey
 Sue Entrekin
 Sarah Elizabeth Hart
 Frank Ramey
 Viola Cook
 William R. Horton

Shut-Ins:

Luiza Coburn
 Mary Parker

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

Weddings:

Carley Lawrence & Preston Lolley, 2/23/2019

Expectant Mothers:

Kristin Symon